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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
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FOR: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR :
DIVISION OF A BIOLOGICAL SAMPLE :
BY MAGNETIC EFFECT

RESTRICTION AND ELECTION RESPONSE

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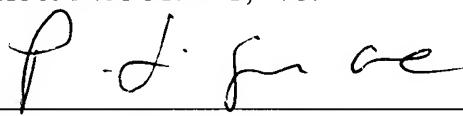
SIR:

In response to the Restriction and Election Requirement dated May 19, 2009, Applicants elect Group I, Claims 37-54, directed to a method for dividing an analyte. Applicants further elect Species A-1 as shown in figures 1 and 2 and list Claims 37-45, 49, 51, and 53-54 as reading thereon. Applicants make this election based on the understanding that Applicant is not prejudiced against filing one or more divisional applications that cover the non-elected invention.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that a full examination on the merits of Claims 37-45, 49, 51, and 53-54 be conducted.

Respectfully submitted,

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